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SUBJECT: INFCE WORKING GROUP 6, SUB-GROUPS A AND B

1. THE FIRST MEETING OF SUB-GROUPS A AND B OF WORKING GROUP 6 WAS HELD AT THE IAEA ON APRIL 25 AND 26. SUB-GROUP A, "COLLECTION OF BASIC INFORMATION," DEVELOPED A METHOD OF AND BEGAN COLLATING, ORGANIZING AND EVALUATING THE INFORMATION RECEIVED IN THE QUESTIONNAIR CIRCULATED EARLIER BY WG-6 TO ITS PARTICIPANTS. SUB-GROUP B, "TECHNICAL AND ECONOMIC ANALYSIS AND SPECIAL CONTRIBUTIONS ON LIGHT WATER REACTORS, SPENT FUEL STORAGE AND TRANSPORTATION," DEVELOPED A DRAFT REPORT DRAWING ON THE US AND THE FRG SUBMISSIONS. BOTH SUB-GROUPS WILL HAVE USEFUL INTERIM PRODUCTS TO TABLE AT THE JUNE WORKING GROUP MEETING.

2. SUB-GROUP A INITIATED THE DATA ANALYSIS PHASE OF WG-6.

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THE SUB-GROUP WORKED ON COLLATING, ORGANIZING AND EVALUATING THE DATA RECEIVED THUS FAR FROM SIXTEEN COUNTRIES. THEY ENGINEERED THE PRELIMINARY TABLES WHICH WILL BE USED IN THE STATUS REPORT OF SUB-GROUP A DUE IN JUNE. A SECOND MAJOR OBJECTIVE -- THE IDENTIFICATION OF THE NEED FOR FURTHER DATA -- WAS ACHIEVED. FOLLOW-UP LETTERS WILL BE SENT, BOTH TO THOSE WHO DID NOT RESPOND

TO THE ORIGINAL QUESTIONNAIRE AND TO THOSE WHOSE RESPONSE WAS SERIOUSLY INCOMPLETE. THE PRIMARY CONCERN OF THIS SUB-GROUP IS THE UNRESPONSIVENESS OF AT LEAST SIX MAJOR PARTICIPANTS: UK, FRANCE, SOVIET UNION, MEXICO, CZECHOSLOVAKIA, AND ROMANIA. INFORMATION FROM THESE COUNTRIES IS NEEDED IN TIME FOR USE IN THE JUNE MEETING IF THERE IS NOT TO BE OBVIOUS AND SERIOUS GAPS IN THIS GROUP'S PRESENTATION.

3. SUB-GROUP B COMPLETED A FIRST CUT AT DRAFT TO BE USED IN THE WG-6 FINAL REPORT. WORKING FROM AN FRG DRAFT OUTLINE ENTITLED "LWR SPENT FUEL STORAGE AND TRANSPORTATION" AND A US DRAFT REPORT ENTITLED "GENERAL DISCUSSION OF LWR SPENT FUEL STORAGE," AGREEMENT WAS REACHED TO SUBMIT A DRAFT REPORT IN JUNE BASED PRIMARILY UPON THE US REPORT, MODIFIED TO REFLECT COMMENTS AND ADDITIONAL INPUT WHICH WILL BE PROVIDED BY THE FRG. SIGNIFICANT DESIGN AND COST VARIATIONS FOR SPENT FUEL STORAGE REFLECTING DIFFERENCES IN NATIONAL REGULATORY STANDARDS WILL BE NOTED IN THE REPORT IN ORDER TO PROMOTE CONSIDERATION OF THESE DIFFERENCES AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE DATE. BOTH THE FRG AND US WERE PLEASED WITH THE CURRENT STATUS OF THE REPORT AND FELT AN ACCEPTABLE REPORT WOULD BE TABLED IN JUNE. THE US WILL RECEIVE ADDITIONAL MATERIAL FROM FRG AND TRANSMIT THE FINAL DRAFT REPORT TO FRG ON MAY 19 FOR SUBMITTAL AT THE JUNE UNCLASSIFIED

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